SUBJECT: New Per Diem Rates for Fiscal Year 2007

TO: Rural Development State Directors

National Office Officials

ATTN: Administrative Program Directors

## PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

This is to advise you of the issuance by the General Services Administration (GSA) of Per Diem Bulletin 07-1 which provides the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 travel per diem rates for the Continental United States (CONUS).

Beginning FY 2007, the standard CONUS lodging amount will remain \$60 until otherwise notified. There are increases/decreases in the maximum lodging amounts in some existing per diem localities, and several new per diem localities are being added.

## IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

These changes apply to travel performed on or after October 1, 2006.

The GSA issues CONUS per diem rates, formerly published in Appendix A, 41 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 301, solely on the Internet at: <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem">http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem</a>. Notices of revisions to CONUS per diem rates will continue to be periodically published in the Federal Register.

EXPIRATION DATE: FILING INSTRUCTIONS: September 30, 2007 Administrative/Other Programs

If you have questions, please contact one of the Travel Unit staff: Veronica Carroll, (202) 692-0229 or Anthony Pearson, (202) 692-0227. You may also e-mail the Travel Unit mailbox at: <a href="mailto:ssd.travel@wdc.usda.gov">ssd.travel@wdc.usda.gov</a>.

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